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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ESTIMATES OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

A LETTER

FROM

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,

SUBMITTING

*Specific estimates of the appropriations expected to be required for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1850.*

JANUARY 19, 1849.

Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
January 16, 1849.

SIR: In obedience to the 2d section of the act of Congress changing the organization of the Post Office Department, approved July 2, 1836, I have the honor to submit herewith "specific estimates of the sums of money expected to be required for the service of the department" during the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1849.

For transportation of the mails within the United States \$2,540,000  
For transportation of the mails in four steamships, at  
\$100,000 each per year, from New York to Bremen,  
by way of Southampton, under the contract made  
with the Ocean Steam Navigation Company of New  
York, in addition to the sum of \$383,609, of former  
appropriations for the same object, which it is es-  
timated will remain unexpended on the 30th June,  
1849 .....

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For transportation of the mails between Charleston, South Carolina, and Havana, by way of Key West, calling at Savannah, under the contract made with M. C. Mordecai.....	\$50,000
And for transportation of the mail by said line, or by other steamers, to such other places on the coast of Florida as the Postmaster General may deem practicable and expedient.....	5,000
For compensation of postmasters.....	1,220,000
For ship, steamboat, and way letters.....	30,000
For wrapping paper.....	22,000
For office furniture, (in the offices of postmasters).....	3,000
For advertising.....	50,000
For mail bags.....	25,000
For blanks.....	21,000
For mail locks, keys, and stamps.....	6,000
For the detection and prevention of mail depredations, and for special agents, including the two agents for Oregon and California.....	20,000
For clerks for offices, (the offices of postmasters).....	260,000
For miscellaneous.....	60,000
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I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
**C. JOHNSON,**  
*Postmaster General.*

**HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,**  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*